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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17 and 26-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18-25 and 32 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Claim Objections

Claims 20-22 and 32 objected to because of the following informalities:

- a) in claims 20-22, it appears that claims 20-22 should depend on claim 18 and not 17 in order to provide antecedent basis for each "pointer";
- b) on lines 9-10 of claim 32, "the pattern filter" lacks antecedent basis.

Appropriate correction is required.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 17-25 and 32 provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 16-19 of copending Application No. 10/582,140 and claims 11-13 of copending Application No. 10/582,139. All claim of a device for automatically detecting various characteristics of

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an ophthalmic lens wherein said support includes a passive/active pointer which when illuminated forms, in shadow, a positioning image on first acquisition and analysis means. The present claims are broader than the copending applications and thus are anticipated by the claims in the copending applications.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 17 and 26-31 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Ikezawa et al (6,359,684).

With regard to claim 17, Ikezawa et al teach of a device for automatically detecting various characteristics of an ophthalmic lens in accordance with figure 1, the device comprising a nose support (9) adapted to receiving said lens (30), wherein the support (9) is displaceable in translation along the X-Y and means for forming a positioning image on first acquisition and analysis means (35).

With regard to claim 26, the support is displaceable along a third axis perpendicular to the first two displacement axes (lines 7-23 of column 3).

With regard to claim 27, the support (9) receives a spectacle frame.

With regard to claim 28, the supports includes a plurality of element (9, 28, and 29) suitable for taking up relative positions that are different relative to one another.

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With regard to claims 29-30, the support includes a slider portion (9a) for sliding in a groove of a strip, said nose support (9) attached to said slider portion being suitable for being displaced in translation.

With regard to claim 31, the nose support (9) is pivotally mounted on said slider (9a).

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 18-25 and 32 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As to claims 18, 20-25 and 27, the prior of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a device for automatically detecting various characteristics of an ophthalmic lens comprising at least one passive pointer on said support wherein when illuminated forms, in shadow, a positioning image on said first acquisition and analysis means, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 18.

As to claims 19, the prior of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a device for automatically detecting various characteristics of an ophthalmic lens wherein said support includes an active pointer that emits a signal received by first acquisition and analysis means, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amanda H Merlino whose telephone number is 571-272-2421. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J Toatley, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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